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| In re Application of         | : |             |
| Greenberg, et al.            | : |             |
| Application No. 09/783,236   | : | ON PETITION |
| Filed: February 13, 2001     | : |             |
| Attorney Docket No. S133-USA | : |             |

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 15, 2006 and supplemented on June 13, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the non-final Office action mailed July 25, 2003. A notice of bona fide response was mailed October 27, 2003 and set a one (1) month period for response. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on November 28, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on June 1, 2004.

The above-identified application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting the statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. At 53160 and 53178, 1203 Off. Gaz Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109)(applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office).

Furthermore, it is not apparent whether the statement of unintentional delay was signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, in the event that petitioner has no knowledge that the delay was unintentional, petitioner must make such an inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If petitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, petitioner must so notify the Office.

The file is being forwarded to Technology Center 3700 for review of the amendment, filed March 15, 2006, *in due course*.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3228.

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